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HOUSE BILL 1731

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 65; Title 68 and Title 70, relative to wind energy facilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 17, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

On or before February 1, 2019, the department of environment and conservation, in consultation with the municipal technical advisory service (MTAS) and the county technical advisory service (CTAS), is urged to study local government regulations that have been adopted in this state related to the siting of wind energy facilities in their jurisdictions. Within sixty (60) days from the conclusion of any such study, the department shall submit a written summary of those local regulations to the agriculture and natural resources committee of the house of representatives and the energy, agriculture and natural resources committee of the senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.